

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A bus connection circuit, which is connected via a bus to a bridge circuit having a plurality of pre-fetch
5 buffers for pre-fetching of data from an external device, and which receives data from said pre-fetch buffers after assertion of a request, comprising:

a plurality of request queues;

an arbiter which performs arbitration of the requests
10 of said plurality of request queues; and

a bus interface portion which outputs request signals indicating the allocation of said pre-fetch buffers corresponding to requests arbitrated by said arbiter, and which receives corresponding grant signals from said bridge
15 circuit.

2. The bus connection circuit according to Claim 1, wherein said bus interface portion releases said bus according to said request signal upon reception of a retry
20 response from said bridge circuit prompted by said request signal, and outputs to said bus a request signal indicating the allocation of other pre-fetch buffers.

3. The bus connection circuit according to Claim 2,
25 wherein said request queues give priority to and assert an initial read request over a read request corresponding to said retry response.

4. The bus connection circuit according to Claim 2,
wherein said request queues have a register which sets the
time from receipt of said retry response until assertion of
5 the read request corresponding to said retry response.

5. The bus connection circuit according to Claim 1,
further having an internal circuit which issues read
requests to said plurality of request queues.

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6. The bus connection circuit according to Claim 1,
wherein said request is a read request to memory via said
bridge circuit.

15 7. The bus connection circuit according to Claim 1,
wherein said bus is a PCI bus.

8. A bus connection system comprising:
a bridge circuit with a plurality of pre-fetch buffers
20 to pre-fetch data from memory; and

a bus connection circuit, which is connected to said
bridge circuit via a bus, and which after assertion of a
request receives data from said pre-fetch buffers,

wherein said bus connection circuit comprises:
25 a plurality of request queues;
an arbiter which performs arbitration of the requests
of said plurality of request queues; and

a bus interface portion which outputs request signals indicating the allocation of said pre-fetch buffers corresponding to requests arbitrated by said arbiter, and which receives corresponding grant signals from said bridge
5 circuit.

9. The bus connection system according to Claim 8, wherein said bus interface portion of said bus connection circuit releases said bus according to said request signal
10 upon reception of a retry response from said bridge circuit prompted by said request signal, and outputs to said bus a request signal indicating the allocation of other pre-fetch buffers.

15 10. The bus connection system according to Claim 9, wherein said request queues of said bus connection circuit give priority to and assert an initial read request over a read request corresponding to said retry response.

20 11. The bus connection system according to Claim 9, wherein said request queues of said bus connection circuit have a register which sets the time from receipt of said retry response until assertion of the read request corresponding to said retry response.

25 12. The bus connection system according to Claim 8, wherein said bus connection circuit further comprises an

internal circuit which issues read requests to said plurality of request queues.

13. The bus connection system according to Claim 8,
5 wherein said request is a read request to memory via said bridge circuit.

14. The bus connection system according to Claim 8,
wherein said bus is a PCI bus.

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15. The bus connection system according to Claim 8,
wherein said bridge circuit assigns corresponding pre-fetch buffers in response to said request signals, outputs retry responses to said bus connection circuit, and outputs read
15 requests to said memory.

16. The bus connection system according to Claim 15,
wherein said bridge circuit examines corresponding pre-fetch buffers in response to request signals for said retry
20 responses, and transfers data in said pre-fetch buffers to said bus connection circuit.